organised at Bangalore by APEDA on floriculture regarding export potential in that field;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Government is considering relaxation of land ceiling laws in a bid to increase enterpreneurial investment in the floriculture field ; and

(c) whether Dutch and Israeli partners have evinced keen interest in participating in floriculture ventures in India and if so, whether the Centre would count for overseas aid in floriculture development in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE CIVIL SUPPLIES. CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDD1N AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Maharashtra proposes to relax the land ceiling laws to permit holding of land in excess of ceiling limits for cultivation of horticulture produce including floriculture.

(c) Some Dutch and Israeli companies have shown keen interest to participate in floriculture ventures in India. Government is taken to facilitate development of floriculture Industry which has been identified as an areas for Extreme facus.

MPEDA'S Concentration on Acquaculture Development in A.P.

1889. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that MPEDA has been concentrating only on acquaculture development in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) the details of assistance given by MPEDA during the last three years for acquaculture in Andhra Pradesh and

(c) whether MPEDA will also attend to the potential in exports from marine catches off Andhra Pradesh Coast ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The details of the assistance given by MPED, during the last three years for acquaculture in Andhra Pradesh are as below :

Particulars	Achievements
1. Micro Level Survey (Ha)	3097
2. Feasibility reports issued (No./area)	486-460 ha.
3. Farmers registered (No./Area) .	601/3970 ha.
4. Training programme organised/farmers trained : a. General	7/145
b. SC/ST	2/40
5. Farmers meets organised	5
6. Inter state study tour/farmers benfited	3/17
7. Shrimp hatchery established with subsidy assistance	6
8. Area brought under culture :	
(a) with MPEDA, Technical assistance (ha)	1233
(b) with subsidy assistance (ha)	935
9. Additional production achieved (Tonnes)	3181

(c) Yes, Sir.

Clearance to Export Horse shoe Crab

1890. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any application for clearance to export horse shoe crab found at Orissa coast;

(b) whether Government are aware that the US Drug administration and UK pharmacopoeis are regularly using these crabs for detecting bacterial andotoxins; and

(c) whether demand of such crabs, which are found in abundance, could be developed in other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, NIO in cooperation with the Director of Fisheries, Orissa is conducting research work on the horse shoe crab.

(c) Commercial enquiries have not been received in this regard.

अरंडी के तेल का निर्यात

1891. श्री विठ्ठलराव माधवराव जाधव : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करें कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में अरंडी के तेल के प्रचुर उत्पादन के बावजूद सरकार ने इसके निर्यात हेतु अभी तक कोई उपाय नहीं किये हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा अरंडी के तेल को अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजारों में बेचने हेतु क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह सच भी है कि राष्ट्रीय डेयरी विकास बोर्ड (एन०डी०डी०बी०) जैसी संस्थाओं ने सरकार का ध्यान इस तथ्य की ओर दिलाया है कि कतिपय निर्यातक अरंडी के तेल में खाद्य तेलों की मिलावट करके इसका निर्यात करते हैं जिसके परिणामस्वरूप भारत की छवि बिगड़ रही है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं। तथ्य यह है कि भारत अरंडी के तेल का निर्यात करने वाला विश्व का अग्रणी देश है और भारत से अरंडी के तेल का निर्यात लगातार बढ़ रहा है।

(ग) सरकार को ऐसी कोई रिपोर्ट नहीं मिली है।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Surrey Conducted by CII

1892. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported survey con ducted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on India's foreign trade as reported in Hindustan Times dated 16th February, 1994 ;

(b) If so, whether it is a fact that as compared to the World exports growth, the export growth rate in India has lagged far behind i.e. from 0.65 per cent in 1970 to 0.52 per cent in 1990 and during 1980-81 to 1992-93 period India's Import grew at only 2.45 per cent in dollar terms;

(c) if so, what is at present the level of India's trade (Commodity-wise) with countries of Asia and Oceania, Europe, America and ESCAP countries indicating percentage to which country the trade is the lowest and to which parte of the World is the highest; and

(d) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to increase Ihdla's growth rate of exports and to bring down